

WEDC Monthly Meeting

2/12/16 Minutes

Attendees: Paul Gosselin, Mike Oldenburg, Ed Gallagher, Al Letizio, Gary Garfield, Bob Higgins, Joel Desilets (non-voting selectman's alternate)
Excused: Ralph Valentine, Donna Morris, Laura Scott (Community Development – non voting)
Absent: Lisa Walker, Bruce Richardson

WEDC Meeting Minutes Review and Approve

Vote: 5-0-1 (Mr. Letizio abstained) to approve minutes from January 8, 2016

Updates from Sub-Committee:

- Communications: continue to publish letters supporting initiatives
 - a. Support Market Square warrant article upcoming March vote
 - i. Discussion ensued on how to support the overlay district and why it is important to the community.
 - ii. Joel will be writing a Planning Board's perspective on the Market Square Warrant Article.
 - iii. Mr. Letizio suggested that we take excerpts from this meeting and publish URL's so residents are better informed going to the polls.
 - iv. Mr. Gallagher suggested we rerun the video that was made earlier in the year touring the market square project.
 - b. What's happening at Windham Village Center District?
Paul G reported that as of now there is nothing in front of planning board for development at Village Center District.
 - c. What's happening at Gateway Park project?
Last meeting representative from Gateway Park (Karl Dubay) stated that he would provide periodic updates to the public on this project.
- **Infrastructure**
 - a. Mr. Garfield spoke about the sub-committees efforts to study the water needs of the community to support economic development. There is a fund available (\$300M Exxon Mobil Settlement to state of NH) to possibly help us extend the water line down the route 111 corridor from Hudson line to exit 3. Infrastructure is studying how to get some of the funds allotted to Windham.
- **Land Use**
 - a. Mr. Oldenburg stated that they reviewed and continued to study some of the lots west side of Route 111 for possible future development. Mr. Letizio discussed an area from London Bridge Road to Windham Center School area. He called it a "rural business recreational area". Ideas for the property could be a farm stand, feed store, outdoor dining, zip line etc. This could add to the culture of the town.

Liaison Reports:

- Board of Selectmen: Mr. Letizio discussed the preparation of the warrant. Board of Selectmen has accomplished all priorities that they have set for themselves. Mr. Letizio mentioned the beautification of Windham project. This includes the new Route 111 corridor at Route 93.

- Planning Board: Mr. Gosselin commented about the two warrant articles for consideration by residents at the March vote and studied by the Planning Board. Market Square and PBT Retail Element Warrant Articles.

Motion by Mr. Letizio that the board support and recommend both Warrant Articles.

Seconded by Mike O.

Vote: 6-0

Mr. Gosselin spoke about Business After hours Wed Jan 17th at Windham High School sponsored by Windham Robotics.

- TRC – No update
- Greater Salem Chamber of Commerce – No update. Ms Morris excused from meeting
- REDC CEDS – No update

Community Development Department Update – No update at this meeting. - Ms. Scott was excused
Written update provided prior to the meeting

2016 Strategic Plan Workshop – Joel Desilets, Ralph Valentine, Gary Garfield had an intro meeting to get started on the 2016 Plan. They reviewed prior strategic plans to help set future priorities. Meetings will be ongoing.

The committee relayed it's sincere thanks to Mr. Letizio for the many years of service he has given to the Windham Economic Development Committee as well as his service on the Windham Board of Selectmen and his past service on the School Board. Mr. Letizio's term as Selectman will expire in March and he will no longer be the Selectman's representative on the WEDC.

The committee relayed it's sincere thanks to Mr. Gosselin for his many years of service on the WEDC. Mr. Gosselin is the Planning Board Representative on the WEDC and will likely be replace by another planning board member following the March elections.

Adjourn 8:50am Motion made by Bob Higgins, seconded by Mike Oldenburg. Vote: 6-0

Next meeting: Friday March 11, 2016

Minutes taken by: Bob Higgins